



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
SECTION 5-117 SUPPLIER DIVERSITY REPORT FOR
NEWLY IMPACTED ENTITIES
FORM

2018 Report

1. Name of Entity: Monroe Electric Co-Operative, Inc.
2. Business Address: PO Box 128, 6132 State Rte 3, Waterloo, IL 62298
3. Business Address in Illinois (if different):
4. Person Responsible for Preparation of Report / Title: Alan Wattles, President/CEO
5. Type of Entity (check as many as apply):
 - ☒ Distribution
 - ☐ Generation:
 - ☐ Nuclear ☐ Hydroelectric ☐ Solar ☐ Wind ☐ Other
 - ☐ Alternative Supplier:
 - ☐ Natural Gas ☐ Electricity
 - ☐ Other - please describe:
6. Please identify the person at your entity that an Illinois minority-owned business (MBE), business owned by women (WBE), business owned by veterans (VBE), business owned by persons with disabilities (DBE) or small business (SBE) that wants to do business with your entity should contact. Chris Scott, Director of Operations

7. In calendar year 2017, did your entity satisfy the applicable revenue criteria below?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- For an alternative retail, municipal or electrical cooperative electric supplier, sales or delivery of 500,000 or more kwh
- For an alternative gas supplier or natural gas cooperative, sales or delivery of 500,000 or more dekatherms
- For any other commercial energy supplier, sales or delivery of 500,000 or more kwh

8. In calendar 2017, did your entity track spending with, contracting with or procurement from MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs and/or SBEs? ☐ Yes ☒ No **The reporting requirements of Section 5-117 of the Public Utilities Act do not apply to the Cooperative for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that the Cooperative is specifically excluded as a company “with less than 100,000 customers.” While Section 5-117 contains the term “any other supplier,” those words cannot impose the reporting requirement on a company that is already specifically excluded by the other language of the statute.**

The Cooperative has and will continue to work with the Illinois Commerce Commission staff through the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative (“AIEC”), in an attempt to develop methods of tracking and a scope of information that the Cooperative can submit in the future on a voluntary basis

- If you checked “no,” describe the actions you can take to respond to the reporting requirements of Section 5-117 of the Public Utilities Act next year. (Note: 2018 reports will be due April 15, 2019)

IF YOUR ANSWER TO EITHER QUESTION 7 OR 8 IS “NO”, YOU MAY STOP HERE; OTHERWISE, PROCEED TO QUESTION 9

9. Total calendar year 2017 spending / total value of contracts with / total procurement from minority-owned businesses (MBEs), businesses owned by women (WBEs) businesses owned by veterans (VBEs), businesses owned by persons with disabilities (DBEs) and/or small businesses (SBEs):

(a) \$_____.00 Percentage of total: ____%

(b) Illinois totals (if tracked)
\$_____.00 Percentage of total: ____%

10. If your entity tracks spending by type of business, please complete the table below:

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| | <u>Entity Totals</u> | |
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| Vendor Classification | Spending | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| MBEs | | |
| WBEs | | |
| VBEs | | |
| DBEs | | |
| SBEs | | |
| | | |
| | <u>Illinois Totals, if tracked</u> | |
| Vendor Classification | Spending | Percentage of Total |
| MBEs | | |
| WBEs | | |
| VBEs | | |
| DBEs | | |
| SBEs | | |

- If you do not have Illinois-specific information, please state why:

11. Please state whether your entity has a plan to increase its contracting with, or procurement from, MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs and SBEs during the coming year:
☐ Yes ☐ No
12. If you answered “yes” to Question 11, please describe your entity’s plan.
13. Please state whether your entity has goals for contracting with, or procurement from, MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs and SBEs: ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. If you answered “yes” to Question 13, please describe your entity’s plan, if any, to increase those procurement goals.
15. Please attach any rules, regulations, and definitions your entity uses to meet those procurement goals.
16. Please identify any areas of procurement or contracting in which your entity will actively seek more participation by MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs and SBEs.
17. Please describe any plan your entity has to encourage MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs and SBEs to submit bids or proposals in those areas.
18. Has your entity faced challenges in finding qualified MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs or SBEs to submit bids or proposals?
19. Please identify any suggestions your entity has regarding what the Illinois Commerce Commission can do to help you identify qualified MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs or SBEs.
20. Please identify any certifications of MBE, WBE, VBE, DBE or SBE status that your entity recognizes.

21. Please identify any best practices your entity uses to encourage qualified MBEs, WBEs, VBEs, DBEs or SBEs to submit bids or proposals.